

20th January 2023

Dear Parents & Carers

RE: Industrial Action – Wednesday 1st February 2023

I am writing to inform you that the school will be closed to all pupils on the 1st February as a result of industrial action taken by members of the National Education Union (N.E.U)

Senior Leaders and Governors have considered options to safely accommodate pupils on site given the reduced numbers of staff available and have made a decision to close the school.

I understand that this may cause disruption and inconvenience and it is not a decision taken lightly. Staff have carefully considered their decision to take industrial action and their choice should be respected. It is important to acknowledge that members of any professional association/union have the right to take this action following a legal ballot.

Our staff are committed to the children and everyone in our school community and this has been a difficult decision for them. However, the increased workload, pressure and pay issues have placed additional pressures not just on those in education but also in other professions. I respect the democratic right of union members to take industrial action and I understand their frustrations with pay and other issues.

The NEU have also announced that industrial action will take place on 2nd March, 15th March and 16th March. I will let you know as soon as possible if this strike action will affect St Josephs.

Thank you for your understanding.

Yours sincerely



Leonore Fernandes
Headteacher

